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1601, LCGMA  
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Dear Interested Public:

I am pleased to present the Louse Canyon Geographic Management Area (LCGMA) Environmental Assessment # OR-030-04-013 for your review and consideration. This document fully analyzes the environmental impacts of each alternative developed in the LCGMA Evaluation, plus one new alternative (alternative IV-A) that is essentially the interim grazing strategy. The interim strategy was implemented after the determinations implicated grazing as contributing to failure to meet standards for rangeland health.

This document ends the analysis phase for the range of alternatives considered for LCGMA. The decisions that will flow from this NEPA analysis are activity level decisions rather than land use level decisions, and will be implemented in accordance with and subject to the guiding land use plan – the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan and Final EIS.

We would appreciate your comments on this environmental assessment, and are particularly interested in your views of the preferred alternative (alternative III) so that we can review and incorporate valid points into the forthcoming decision.

We are anxious to move forward and issue a decision which will implement change in LCGMA and achieve standards for rangeland health, but first we wanted to give the interested public the opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts for the range of alternatives. If you would like to comment, please do so in writing. Address your comments to the Jordan Field Manager, Vale District BLM at the address on the letterhead above. To be considered, your comments must be received in this office by October 15, 2004.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Taylor  
Jordan Field Manager